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State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, as: Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average circulation for the month of December, 1915, was 53,534.

DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 14th day of January, 1916. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Any other aspiring favorite sons in leash? Now is the time to trot out.

The injunction is to temper justice with mercy, but sometimes it's mighty hard to do it.

The prospects for law and order in Mexico seem to improve only as the area of desolation expands.

Congress would materially improve the national temper by reducing the output of talk and speeding up on work.

In view of the rising cost of veal, the project of substituting a June wedding for a feast of fatted calf lines up with the economical needs of the times.

Whenever the king of Greece thinks of what happened to his neighbors of Serbia and Montenegro, his admiration for the man holding down the Grecian lid mounts several notches.

Peace missionaries report peace sentiment everywhere in their travels. Everybody wants it. The trouble is that those who need it most tie too many strings to their wishes.

When a state presents a favorite son for president and one also for vice president, another difficulty looms up, for the constitution prohibits a member of the electoral college voting for two from his own state.

Makers of feminine shoes manifest uneasiness regarding the color schemes for next summer's wear. They appear peeved because dress-makers decline to lengthen the garments and threaten to put out hand-painted boots that will make a gown merely a matt for a scenic picture.

Talk about miracles! Here is Mr. Bryan's Commener exploiting ex-Senator Joe Bailey just because he is opposing the president's preparedness plans. Presumably Roger Sullivan, or even Thomas Fortune Ryan, could get a boost in the Commener now by openly siding with Bryan.

Mayor Mitchel cheers New York taxpayers with the information that if they will bear the present load patiently for fifteen more years relief can then be effected. It is understood, of course, that the mayor will not be responsible for fulfillment of the promise unless he is continued on the job.

On one essential at least our inland congressmen are a unit. A river and harbor bill carrying \$40,000,000 has been whipped into shape by the committee and appears certain of touching the treasury before the preparedness program emerges from the talking stage. First come, first served.

The Wall street syndicate undertaking to place the Frisco railroad system on its feet naively informs the Missouri Railroad commission that it will accept as compensation for the service such sum as may be determined by the presidents of three New York trust companies. Missourians regard the family arrangement as a unique version of the inspired exclamation: "Wouldn't that jar you?"

Thirtieth Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Omaha is to have a Battle of Gettysburg panorama, a company for that purpose with \$30,000 capital being in process with these incorporators: D. H. Wheeler, E. Pierpont, D. F. Hanson, A. Montgomery, W. J. Templeton, H. W. Siddle, C. Varner, Harry Olney, James Casey, A. L. Strang, M. H. Goble, J. E. Marbel, O. O. Howard, O. C. Campbell, Hugh G. Clark and William McGuire.

Acting Assistant Surgeon A. W. Barber, at the army headquarters, has been ordered to report at Fort D. A. Russell.

A concert was given at the opera house by the Milan Italian Opera company. The second part of the program consisted of an act from Faust, in which the roles were taken by Milnes Rosen, L. Morse, Fardes, Signor Tagliari and Signor Bolzano.

The local assembly of Knight of Labor published resolutions adopted in memory of Omaha's late mayor, P. F. Murphy.

Dr. E. W. Lee is seeking the return of a black box containing rubber piping and a silver plated air pump, lost near the bridge near Saunders street.

Mrs. E. Walsley, Nineteenth and California streets, wants a competent girl to cook, wash and iron, German preferred.

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Letting Our Light Shine. Slowly, yet impressively, the attitude of Americans in relation to the world war is coming to be understood by themselves, and in time it will be appreciated by those whose interest just now leads them to harshly criticize us.

For fifteen months we have been feeding the destitute behind and between the battle lines. Governments of Europe are too intent on destruction to heed the suffering of the helpless, and to these Americans have come with food and clothing and other aid, that their lot may be made the less precarious and their misery in this degree lessened.

Along with this philanthropic work has gone something of the spirit that has prompted it. Beneficiaries of such generosity do not soon forget it, and while the innocent victims of the terrible war may not waste time in analysis of the altruistic impulse that has brought them aid from the land beyond their dreams, they will call down a present blessing on those who have provided for them, and cherish the memory of that help always.

Von Papan's Private Correspondence.

Some interesting but not at all alarming disclosures of personal opinion are furnished by the publication of letters from the private correspondents of Lieutenant von Papan, late German naval attaché at Washington. These captured letters are serviceable to the Allies only as they may be used to foment anti-German feeling in the United States.

Life Insurance Farm Loans.

The largest single golden stream capitalizing farm development in the United States has its source in the swollen treasuries of life insurance companies. In ten years their aggregate investments in real estate mortgages increased two and one-half times, ranking next to bonds, in the opinion of the managers, as safe and profitable securities.

The importance of this vast supply of working capital to the newer sections of the west is shown in a report by Robert Lynn Cox, counsel and manager of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents. The most striking fact revealed in the report is the commanding lead of the Mississippi and Missouri valley sections in the favor of the companies, both in amounts loaned and low rates of interest.

The figures emphasize the magnitude of the task of formulating a rural credit system which will cut the cost of farm loans and at the same time supply the billions of dollars required to take the place of private capital.

"Why not prosecute usurers?" asks Mr. Bryan in his Commener. Well, why not? The prosecuting machinery is all in the hands of a democratic administration, with which Mr. Bryan was officially associated for nearly three years.

The dawn of a bright leap year for man is assured. Neckties wrought in the designs of rare porcelains or bearing hand-painted replicas of the masters are coming out for spring and summer wear, affording sufficient decorative effect to render the tribe skeptical of proposals unaccompanied by a checking account.

Getting Together

The Open Door. Kansas City Star (prog.): The republicans have invited the progressives to "come back through the open door." The progressives have decided to go back far enough to keep the door open. If the republicans accept the progressive platform and name a progressive candidate, the progressives will go back through the open door.

Let Bygones Be Bygones. St. Louis Globe Democrat (rep.): In short, the colonel's message reveals nothing of a political nature, commits neither him nor the committee to any course of political action and is entirely free from offense to any one who, in his judgement, ought not to be offended. It is another indication that he is disposed to let bygones be bygones, and to center his energies upon an issue raised by the circumstances of the present war, which can be made a party question only in the extent of its application.

What the Colonel Wants. New York World (dem.): The colonel wants war because President Wilson is trying to maintain peace, and the colonel's only chance of getting the republican nomination lies in his opposition to the president. If some mischance should plunge the country into war before the national conventions are held, the colonel would be for the peace at any price, especially if he failed in his ambition to go to the front as commanding general of the horse marines.

Conditional Union. New York Herald of Commerce (ind.): The chance of the national organization of the republicans resuming something like its normal strength will depend upon the position taken by its own leaders and not upon surrendering to the dictation of those who threaten to defeat it if it does not submit to their leadership. What the progressives at the present time seem most likely to accomplish, or help to accomplish, is what they profess most to dread, the continuance of "the Wilson administration," which they say "has repudiated the faith of our forefathers."

Chlorinating the Country. Springfield (Mass.) Republican (rep.): Colonel Roosevelt's letter to the progressive national committee hardly had the encouragement for the grand new party which the brethren might have desired. "Purely partisan considerations" are naturally rather to the fore in the committee's immediate interest. But what does the colonel mean by insisting "that every man who is within our borders shall be an American and nothing else?"

A Leap Year Proposal. Chicago Herald (ind.): The progressive party has just made a leap year proposal to the republican party in the form of the declaration of principles given out by the executive committee on Tuesday. The party promises, if not to be "thine forever," at least agree to a temporary or trial marriage under conditions substantially expressed in the following extracts: "The surest way to secure for my country the required leadership will be by having, if possible, both the progressive and republican parties choose the same standard bearer and the same principles. We pledge ourselves to approach the consideration of the issues involved in such an effort without any desire to revive partisan bitterness."

Twice Told Tales

She Came Back. Backward and forward he paced, his eyes wild and rolling, his face haggard. As the minutes passed his agitation increased. "Will she never come? Will she never come?" he wailed wildly. "Already it is fifteen minutes past the appointed time, and yet she is not here!"

A Prayer in Time of Battle. One of the oddest prayers ever made was that of an old Virginia soldier at Antietam. He was lying flat on the battlefield, and to quote his own words, "the shot and shell were going over me so thick that the whole firmament above me was lead color. I felt just then that I was six feet long and pretty near four feet thick, and that the chances for me were only two feet better lying down than when they were standing up. I made up my mind that my only safety lay in praying. 'Oh, Lord, good Lord,' I prayed, 'please stretch me out as thin as a shoe-string, with the pointed end towards the enemy.'" - Boston Transcript.

Clinching Argument. A northern attorney, after acquiring a large South Carolina estate, formed the Eureka Debating Society to encourage free speech among the negroes of the neighborhood. On his next trip south he was confronted by a proud winner of the society's prize. "Now, what was the subject of the debate, Sam?" asked the attorney.

People and Events. Only one 12th Friday in 1916. The one hoodoo day is Friday, October 13, but the hoodoo will not apply to leap year proposals made on that day.

Preferred Convention to Primary. LINCOLN, Jan. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: I want to say that I am heartily in accord with the views quoted in The Bee under a Lincoln date line regarding the abolishment of the present primary.

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The Bee's Letter Box

The Wives of the Wise. SCOTIA, Neb., Jan. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: I read with some interest the letter of one Stephens Bittick in The Bee advising German sympathizers to go to Germany.

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dividual can win whether he has the qualifications or not. The article in The Bee was timely, logical and full of good live thoughts and will probably stir up the animals in no uncertain way. Let us abolish the pernicious primary system and adopt a convention system that will give us good honest government, and in case we should even then make a mistake we can remedy the same with the recall which serves as a penalty for the man who does not do his duty.

HENRY ALLEN BRAINERD, Ex-President Nebraska State Press Association.

Tips on Home Topics

Washington Post: You never know what invincible ignorance means until you meet a man who absolutely refuses to agree with you.

Detroit Free Press: A lady lecturer says the war will make women a drug on the market. In that event a lot of men may become dope fiends.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: You will notice that the theory that grippe is transmitted by kisses was not circulated till the mistletoe season was over.

Indianapolis News: Without casting the slightest aspersions on his personal pulchritude, the suspicion grows that Senator Works never did think he'd look well in khaki.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: A corner's jury has held a Chicago man for causing his wife's death by "mental assault," or, in other words, talking her to death. And it used to be supposed women had a monopoly of it.

Chicago Herald: The only thing that seems to fit the latest Mexican atrocity is something in the indignant mood of Milton's mighty cry: "Avenge, O Lord, Thy slaughtered saints whose bones lie bleaching on the Alpine mountains cold!"

New York World: The increase of \$100,000,000 in the returns of the wool and shoe industry is attributed in part to war orders, but in larger part to the variety of styles which women demand in shoes.

What the shoe manufacturers have to apprehend more than a cessation of hostilities is a return to long skirts.

SUNNY GEMS. "Are you sure the world is happier and better?" "Absolutely. Look at the people who used to make themselves miserable on bicycles and who are now riding in motor cars."—Washington Star.

"Bill—I see some parts of the south are still giving us trouble." "How so?" "Bill—Why, I see that Baldwin county, Ala., has shipped 163 cars of cucumbers.—Tonkers Stantenman.

"Willie," said the teacher of the juvenile class, "what is the term 'to' used for?" "It is used to make people believe that we know a lot more than we really do."—replied the bright youngster.—Chicago News.

Minister—I made seven hearts happy today. Parishoner—How was that? Minister—Married three couples. Parishoner—That only makes six. Minister—Well, you don't think I did it for nothing?—Albany Argus.

"My son," said the father impressively, "suppose I should be taken away suddenly, what would become of you?" "Why," said the son, irreverently, "I'd stay here; the question is what would become of you?"—The Boy Builder.

WHY DO YOU WORRY? New York Mail. O, why do you worry and why do you fret its dollars to doughnuts that things might be "wuss." Pray what in the world are you hoping to gain? When, by day and by night, you simply complain? A laugh is worth more than a river of tears: An ounce of bright hope than a ton of dark fears! A cheer beats a groan by a hundred to one. And growling's a capital habit to shun. To double your trouble and add to your care, Keep talking about them, yes, no matter where; But would you get rid of your burdens? Forget that you have them, you'll soon find relief! If you never had storms, no rainbows we'd see. And a very great loss that surely would be. Take heart, and take hope then, and seek to live so That to others the right way to live you may show.

ROME wasn't built in a day. Neither was anything else worth while. It takes mo' than two years to "build" a tin of VELVET. Velvet Joe. IT takes that long for the choicest Kentucky Burley tobacco to be thoroughly matured into VELVET, the Smoothest Smoking Tobacco. Longell & Myers Tobacco Co.

Winter Office Comfort. Extremes of weather are the real test of an office building. It is then that the little things count. This building has not only a vacuum heating system, but is metal weather stripped. THE BEE BUILDING. "The building that is always new". Room 222—Choice office suite, north light, very desirable for two doctors or dentists; waiting room and two private offices; 520 square feet. \$45.00. Room 619—On the beautiful court of the building; size 135 square feet. \$10.00. Room 636—Only vacant room on the 17th street side of the building. Faces directly on Seventeenth street. Partition for private office and waiting room. Size 187 square feet. \$18.00. Room 105—At the head of the stairs, on the floor opposite The Bee business office. Size 270 square feet. Would be specially useful for a real estate firm. \$30.00. Apply to Building Superintendent, Room 103.

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